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Imperialism— Yankee Style

IT does not surprise us that the United States Congress has decided to postpone indefinitely the Indian Immigration Bill. This should serve as a slap on the face to those Indians who had expected the Yankees to depart from their traditional racial discrimination and arrogance. We know what sufferings the Negroes of the United States who are full-fledged American citizens have to undergo. Lynching is not an uncommon thing even in these days.

The postponement of this bill shows the real attitude of the Americans towards Indians. Although there is in the U.S. a small body of opinion which, with a view to the exploitation of India, favour Indian immigration, the great majority of the people are violently opposed to any such move. The Americans, because of their dominant role in the anti-Axis war effort, and because of the complete subservience of Britain to the U.S., are sure they can exploit India to their hearts' content without making any returns to India. So why bother themselves by creating a new problem—the Indian problem—in the U.S.

It therefore boils down to this: that America and the other white nations of the world are in league for keeping down the coloured peoples, and for exploiting them to the full. This is the situation that faces the inhabitants of Asia and Africa. They must either destroy the powers of evil that are trying to crush them or fall a prey to them.

Nippon, a coloured nation herself, has taken up the challenge of the white nations and is up in arms against the Anglo-American tyranny and oppression, and to vindicate Asia's honour. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of every Asiatic to support Nippon morally, spiritually and materially in her holy crusade against the white peril and to create a new world where racial discrimination and prejudice will be absent and where future generations of Asia will occupy an honoured place as equals.

Petition To Relinquish American Citizenship

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—Prompted by disgust and anger over the American Government's complete disregard of their Constitutional rights, aproximately 6,000 to 7,000 American citizens of Nipponese ancestry above the age of 17, now interned in a segregation camp in California, have expressed the desire to relinquish their American citizenship, according to an American dispatch.

The American-born Nipponsee in question are believed to have taken the steps as American authorities have refused to recognize their pledges of loyalty to the United States and consistently subjected them to humiliating measures.

Gen. Koiso Pays High Tribute To Iwoojima Heroes

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Nippon Nation Now More Determined To Crush Foe, Says Premier

Tokyo, March 21 (Domei)—Admitting the gravity of the loss of Iwoojima, Premier General Kuniaki Koiso emphasized that the loss of the island has not, however, caused confidence of the Nippon nation in final victory to waver.

The Premier spoke in a special broadcast over a nation-wide hookup this evening, extensively reviewing the war situation on Iwoojima whose Imperial garrison forces launched the final charge against numerically superior enemy forces at midnight on March 17.

In this decisive struggle for the existence of the Nippon race, the Premier stressed, there can be no alternative but victory or death and there is no room for compromise with the enemy. The Government, Premier Koiso declared, is shortly deciding upon concrete measures for the defence of the homeland and further bolstering of war production.

The Premier paid glowing tribute to the heroic fighting spirit with which the Nippon garrison on Iwoojima fought and exacted extremely heavy losses in men and materials from the enemy.

As the war nears the Nippon mainland, he declared, the situation will grow in intensity; however, the Nippon people are prepared to meet such a situation with firm confidence in final victory and still more grim determination to crush the enemy.

Premier Koiso declared if the enemy attempts a landing on the China coast, we will crush him on the China continent and if he attempts a landing on the Nippon mainland, we will crush him on the home soil.

Tokyo, Mar. 21 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at noon today: "Firstly, although our forces on Iwoojima had been battling for approximately one month ever since the enemy's landing, and especially since Mar. 13 had been offering furious resistance from a network of defences in the vicinity of North Village and Higashiyama, the war situation has finally entered into its last phase.

"A wireless message received reported that our entire remaining forces, headed by their Supreme Commander, on the night of Mar. 17 launched an all-out offensive, praying for their country's ultimate victory and safety. Ever since then, there has been no further communication.

"Secondly, ever since the enemy's landing up to Mar. 16, our forces are estimated to have inflicted approximately 33,000 ground force casualties on the enemy forces on Iwoojima."

BURMA INDIANS CONDEMN ENEMY'S BARBARIC RAIDS OVER RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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Bitter Hatred & Indignation Aroused Over Enemy's Inhuman Bombing

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Reports from Rangoon reveal that purely residential areas in the suburbs of Rangoon where the majority of residents are Indians have recently borne the brunt of several enemy blind bombing attacks as a result of which many Indians have been killed. The entire population is burning with hatred and indignation over the false enemy propaganda which describes these purely terror raids as attacks against Nippon military installations and ammunition dumps. The enemy's inhuman and barbaric action has particularly aroused the intense hatred of the Indians many of whom have lost their homes and property through these indiscriminate raids.

It is typical of the enemy propaganda to announce that their attacks were directed only against Nippon military installations, while in actual fact, hundreds of Indians, including men, women and children have been the victims of their ruthless onslaughts. However, such inhuman tactics of the enemy, far from intimidating the Indians, have only strengthened their spirit and their determination to fight the enemy until he is crushed.

Indians To Work Out Own Destiny; No Justice From Anglo-Americans; U.S. Immigration Bill Postponed

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That Indians cannot expect any justice at the hands of the United States of America was very clearly revealed in a despatch from Washington which says that the U.S. House Immigration Committee has decided to postpone consideration of the Indian Immigration Bill indefinitely. Revealing the utter contempt with which Indians and all other Asiatics are regarded in the United States, Representative Leonard Allen, who tabled the motion postponing the bill, said, "We have gone far enough already in breaking down our immigration laws. Instead of opening up our doors to let more foreigners into the country, we ought to cut our quotas. With me," continued Allen, "it is a question of principle. Our immigration law says that we should not permit Asiatics to come into the country. I want to stand by this law." Allen added, "I consider that the legislation for the immigration or naturalisation of Indians would be outrightly dagerous to America and I will violently oppose any further effort to introduce such legislation in Congress".

Commenting on the decision of the U.S. House Immigration Committee to postpone consideration of the Indian Immigration Bill indefinitely, well-informed Indian observers declare that this should certainly serve as a slap on the face to those Indians who had expected the Americans to depart from their traditional racial discrimination and arrogance. They say that the postponement of this bill shows the real attitude of the Americans towards Indians. Both America and Britain are in league for keeping down the coloured peoples and for exploiting them to the full, conclude these observers.

Nippon War Machine Streamlined To Smash Foe Landing Attempts

Tokyo, March 21 (Domei)—Our fighting services are fully confident and prepared to crush any enemy attempt to effect a landing on the Nippon mainland, declared Lieut.-General Kaneshiro Shibayama, Vice-Minister of War, in the course of his reply to interpellations at today's meeting of the House of Representatives Committee on the bill for special military measures.

Should the enemy attempt to invade our mainland, the fighting power of the nation will be mobilized to crush the enemy at sea, Lieut.-General Shibayama stressed. Furthermore, he continued, our fighting services are confident and prepared to annihilate the enemy on land with consolidated military strength and firing power superior to the enemy's should he land on our mainland.

He concluded that in order to further complete these preparations and to strengthen this conviction, the bill has been introduced in the present session of the Imperial Diet.

Yankees Warned Tougher Fighting In Pacific Sector

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Iwoojima Battle Serves As Indicator Of Nippon's Big Military Might

Lisbon, Mar. 20 (Domei)—Lieut.-General Holland Smith, Commander of the United States Marines on Iwoojima warned the American people in a statement following his return to Pearl Harbour today from the Iwoojima front that the ferocity of Nipponese resistance on Iwoojima was further evidence that the fighting will "get tougher" as the Americans near the Nippon mainland, according to a Pearl Harbour message.

Indicating that heavy American casualties were incurred owing to miscalculation of the Nipponese strength, Smith said he was surprised at the number of Nipponese guns on the island. He added the Nipponese guns were so well hidden it was impossible for aerial photos to locate them.

Influential journals throughout the United States today editorially impressed upon the American people that they must not be swayed by the "shocking" extent of American casualties on Iwoojima, emphasizing that the possession of the island-fortress was a strategic necessity and the Americans must be prepared for even greater casualties in the future, according to dispatches received here

The "Washington Post" declared that although "many Americans shuddered" when Nimitz revealed a few days ago that American Marine casualties amounted to approximately 20,000, including 4,189 killed, "we must face the ordeal with the solemn realization that freedom is a costly blessing for which men must often pay in blood."

The "Baltimore Sun" stressed that the bitter fight for Iwoojima was "unavoidable" and sought to gloss over the sanguinary facts of the fighting with the remark: "The battle of Iwoojima is a glowing page of history." It strove to assure the gloomy American public that the "losses and suffering will in the long run prove justified."

Meantime, the "Kansas City Star" said that the possession of Iwoojima was "essential" and the casualties could not be helped.

Enemy Task Force Now Withdrawing Southward

Tokyo, March 21 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 3.30 p.m. "The enemy task force yesterday morning, March 20, began withdrawing southward.

"Our air force units swiftly pursued the enemy and are enlarging their war results.

"War results achieved on March 20 so far ascertained are as follows: Sunk, one standard aircraft-carrier; damaged, one standard aircraft-carrier."

Acute Food Shortage In U.S. To Be Investigated

Lisbon, Mar. 21 (Domei)—Complying with mounting public grievances over the nation's crucial food shortage, the United States Senate on Monday authorized investigation of the food situation by the Senate's Agricultural Committee, while the House of Representatives displayed equal concern with three members introducing bills calling for investigation, according to a Washington dispatch.

Representative Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico Democrat, asked for a check into Lend-Lease shipments, foreign food stock piles, blackmarket and the government order for cutting civilian meat supplies by 12 per cent. after Apr. 1. That blackmarket deals and illegal hoarding of foodstuffs are obstructing government's food programme, meantime, is reflected in a statement made by Grover Hill, Assistant War Food Administrator, in connection with the report of the American Meat Institute to the effect that a shortage "bordering on meat famine exists in many parts of the country." Hill admonished: "There will be no famine if the people do not patronize the blackmarket or cause in other ways a more uneven distribution of supplies."

Manpower mobilization and its effect on food production also drew the attention of the Lower House on Monday with the House of Representatives voting in favour of investigating the Selective Service drafting of young farmers. It was reasserted that the Selective Service should concern itself solely with the essentiality of the registrants to agriculture, lest the nation's food situation be further aggravated.

War Relief Lottery Tickets On Sale From April 1

The first issue of tickets for the Engo Saiken, special monthly lottery to be devoted to the relief of war victims, will be on sale to the public in Syonan from April 1 to 15.

Tickets, $5 each, will be issued to the value of $500,000, of which $300,000 will be awarded as prizes as follows:—

First prize (one ticket) $50,000; number preceding the first prize $1,000; number following the first prize $1,000; second prize (one ticket) $20,000; third prize (three tickets) $10,000 each; fourth prize (three tickets) $5,000 each; fifth prize (four tickets) $1,000 each; sixth prize (20 tickets) $700 each; seventh prize (100 tickets) $500 each; eighth prize (200 tickets) $250 each; ninth prize (300 tickets) $50 each; and tenth prize (10,000 tickets) $5 each.

Tickets will be distributed at the usual appointed places of sale, and $5 prizes may be exchanged for tickets of the following month's issue.

The lottery will be drawn on April 20 at Syonan Kokaido, and prizes will be paid at the Zaimuka, Tokubetu-si, between April 21 to May 10.

Cambodia Cabinet Formed; Personnel Announced

Pnompenh, Mar. 21 (Domei)—The Cambodia Kingdom yesterday announced that the Cambodia Cabinet has been formed following deliberations among leaders of the kingdom.

Members of the Cabinet are: Unghy, Minister of Finance, Norom Montana, Minister of Economics, Meas Nal, Minister of Transportation, Ter Sen, Minister of Defence and Foods, Chan Nak, Minister of Justice, Sum Hieng Hieng, Minister of Home Affairs, and Var Kamel, Minister of Religion and Cultural Affairs.

Syonan Burmese Fully Confident Of National Army

Syonan, March 21 (Domei)—The news that crack units of the Burmese Army have already left for the battlefront to fight side by side with the Imperial Forces against the common enemy was received with great delight by the Syonan Burmese community which voiced its preparedness also to take up arms if given the opportunity and to help in the defence of their beloved motherland.

"Burmese from time immemorial have been strongly anti-British and pro-nationalistic," declared a Burman. "We fought against British tyrants for independence in the past but like the people of India today were kept in bondage," he added. "Now is the time we Burmese can settle with compound interest all the misdeeds, injustices and brutality wrought against us in the past by the British."

U Set Ka, a prominent priest, scoring the indiscriminate bombings by the Anglo-Americans of Burmese pagodas and temples, and the loss of innocent Burmese lives sustained in Buddhist monasteries ruthlessly attacked and strafed by enemy raiders, stated, "With our blood we Burmese will show the British what Asiatic retribution is like. Our countrymen, I say with confidence, must have long awaited this glorious day when they could go into battle. Our beloved Adipadi and the War Minister, Major-General Aung San, have given words of inspiration to our countrymen, and we know our soldiers will fight with courage and inspiration."

The people of East Asia indeed must be thrilled to know that the Burmese, too, have joined the ranks of those others of "blood, iron and steel" who are battling against the common enemy, determined to crush and annihilate the foe and never to give up until victory for Asia is realized, U Set Ka concluded.

2,000 Casualties Inflicted On Foe In Mindanao Area

A Nippon Base on the Philippine Front, March 21 (Domei)—A powerful Nippon unit is now engaged in sharp fighting with enemy troops which had landed in the vicinity of Recede to the west of Zamboanga, and by Monday had inflicted at least 500 casualties on the American invasion forces, frontline dispatches from the Mindanao front reveal.

With Imperial garrison forces at Cabatangan, north-west of Zamboanga, readjusting part of their defence lines on Sunday, Nippon Army and Navy landing troops firmly maintained the defence of their main positions in this sector with the closest co-operation being given by our artillery unit which poured a constant barrage of gunfire on the enemy from emplacements to the north.

Meanwhile, Nippon central defence positions in the area of Pasonance are being subjected to intense enemy air and artillery bombardments. Imperial garrison forces holding these positions, however, repulsed all enemy attempts to advance by employing infiltration tactics with daring close-range assaults against the American invasion forces.

Since the enemy landing on Mindanao on March 10, Imperial garrison forces have inflicted at least 2,000 casualties on the enemy by Mar. 17, and destroyed a total of 26 tanks. A total of 55 enemy planes was downed or damaged during the 15-day period previous to the landing.

Iwoojima C-in-C Extols Garrison's Lasting Heroism

Tokyo, March 21 (Domei)—In his final message addressed to the Nippon High Command, Lieut.-General Tadamichi Kuribayashi, Supreme Commander of the Nippon garrison forces on Iwoojima, prior to the last general charge against enemy ground forces on the island, highly extolled the heroic fighting put up by the rank and file of the defenders of Iwoojima against overwhelming odds.

The message besides voicing deep regret over the loss of the island, expressed the garrison's high hopes for the recapture of the island by Imperial forces. It said the war situation had reached its final phase and he at the head of the troops under his command, would make the final charge against enemy forces, praying for final victory and future security of his country. He said he not only took pride but was overjoyed over the heroic fighting put up by the garrison forces under his command against the materially superior enemy forces which subjected the island to attacks from land, sea and air.

The message expressed profound regret over the turn of events which finally led to the loss of this strategic island and said: "Unless this island is recaptured Nippon itself is menaced. Our departed souls will forever hover over this island to lead Imperial forces to resume the offensive for the recapture of the island." The message concluded with an ardent expression for the longevity of TENNO HEIKA and a final salute to his comrades-in-arms.

Added to the message were three poems each of which expressed the grim fighting spirit of Imperial forces.

Certificates & Gifts To Auxiliary Fire Fighters

In appreciation of the valuable services rendered by sections of the Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service during the enemy bombing of Syonan on February 24 fire fighting squads of sections 1, 3, 5 and 6 in the "A" Division (Central) and section 8 of "D" Division (Tanjong Pagar) have been awarded certificates of commendation by His Excellency the Mayor.

The fire fighting squads concerned put out fires and rescued lives in the respective areas at the risk of their own lives, it is pointed out.

In addition to the certificates of commendation, 20 members of the A.P.F. of "A" Division belonging to section 2 were presented with gifts in the form of various items of clothing. While 93 members of the A.P.F. of "D" Division, who did good service in fire fighting and rescue work and who were also victims of the air raid, were also given similar presents.

Sections 3, 5, 6 and 7 of the "D" Division were also happy recipients of certificates of commendation for general good work. The "D" Division Orderly Officer Kamiyanagi Yosihiho was awarded a certificate of commendation for general good work.

The presentation of the certificates and the gifts took place at the entertainment held at the Yamato Gekijo last evening in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Auxiliary Police personnel and the various sections of the Passive Defence Services.

The entertainment programme included songs and magic items, besides the screening of a film, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Grand Agricultural Exhibition In Johore

Johore Bahru, Mar. 21 (Domei)—A three-day agricultural exhibition opened today at Johore Bahru sponsored by the Government authorities in order to encourage the 'Grow More Food' campaign throughout the province.

Hundreds of excellent specimens of vegetables grown by Indian, Malai and Chinese farmers from the town and outlying districts were on show, and a feature of this year's exhibition is that the public can make direct purchases from the various pavilions exhibiting vegetables and fruit. This concession during the period of the exhibition has also been extended to visitors from Syonan who can purchase exhibits and take them back to Syonan without any tax being levied.

U.S. Navy And Marine Coastguard Casualties

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—The United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coastguard since the outbreak of the war up to March 17 have incurred a total of 91,363 casualties, the American Navy Department revealed in a survey of war losses, according to a Washington dispatch.

The figure includes 35,116 dead, 41,554 wounded, 10,436 missing and 4,257 prisoners-of-war.

Nippon Special Swimming Attack Unit In Action

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Mar. 21 (Domei)—Following up the successful surprise night attack launched on March 10 against a group of enemy submarine-chasers anchored off Makarakaru Island, which resulted in the sinking of one of the enemy warships and heavily damaging of six other warcraft, the Nippon special swimming attack unit "Sea Tigers" again on the night of Mar. 17 broke through tight enemy patrol lines and heavily damaged one enemy submarine-chaser passing through the Yoo Channel.

The "Sea Tigers" in their initial assault swam out to enemy warships lying at anchor two kilometres south of Makarakaru Island, situated midway between Palau and Pililiou islands, carrying torpedoes. Spotted by the enemy when about 100 metres away from their objectives, the "Sea Tigers" were subjected to a fierce barrage of gunfire. Diving under the enemy shell-fire, the "Sea Tigers" launched their deadly missiles against the enemy warships. Ten pillars of fire shot skyward, and dawn the following morning revealed one enemy vessel listing 30 degrees to starboard with a large hole in its stern and other ships heavily damaged.

The majority of the attacking unit returned to base safely. Almost all members of the special attack swimming unit were from Okinawa Prefecture and had been engaged in fishing until called to the colours. They are perfectly at home in the water, hence their appropriate name of "Umi no Tora"—Sea Tiger.

Crippling Of "Warspite" By Luftwaffe Revealed

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—Approximately one year and a half after the incident took place, British naval authorities today revealed for the first time that Britain's 35,000-ton battleship "Warspite" received a direct hit and nearly sank off Salerno, Italy, during the invasion operations in September 1943, according to a London dispatch.

Although the "Warspite" is now in action, the pride of the British Navy, it was disclosed, nearly went down while shelling Salerno when the Luftwaffe "cunningly directed a bomb which hit her fair and square, causing an explosion and putting her out of action."

Tugs immediately were rushed to the battleship's rescue, and she was towed first to Malta and then to Gibraltar for repairs.

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American Wounded Being Rushed To Hawaii By Air

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—Owing to the inability of American hospital ships and frontline bases to cope with the staggering toll of American battle casualties, the United States Pacific Air Transport Command today disclosed that American wounded are being flown from Iwoojima to Hawaii at the rate of more than 300 daily and from the Philippines at about 1,000 monthly, according to a dispatch from Hawaii.

SYONAN TOKUBETU SI NOTICE No. 21.

Auctioneers' Licence Ordinance (Chapter 198)

1. It is hereby notified that registration of auctioneers, appraisers and house-agents for the year, Syowa 20, commences at the office of the Zaimu Katyo, Tokubetu-Si Building on 1st April, Syowa 20.

2. Fees payable are as follows:—

	Per annum
Auctioneers' Licence (Town and Country)	$50.00
Appraisers' Licence	$25.00
House-Agents' Licence	$25.00

3. Forms of Application for registration may be obtained from the Zaimu-Ka.

4. Any person carrying on any of the abovementioned trade after 1st April, Syowa 20, without first obtaining a licence therefor, is liable to a penalty prescribed under the Ordinance.

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